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Teri Henderson attaches name signs to the 32 cedar caskets containing pioneers' bones, left, while carpenter Pat Heun builds a fence that will enclose cemetery at Pioneer Trail State Park.

# Park prepares to rebury 32 pioneers

**By Chuck Gates**  
Deseret News staff writer

The smell of newly sawed cedar cloaks the wood shop where skilled hands shape one of the wooden grave markers that will soon designate new resting places for some of the Salt Lake Valley's earliest settlers at Pioneer Trail State Park.

Park Superintendent Mike Barker says preparations are in full swing for Memorial Day reinterment of 32 pioneers — nine adults and 23 infants and children — unearthed by Brigham Young University archaeologists from downtown's Block 49. The for-

gotten cemetery was the first used by Mormon settlers between 1847 and 1856.

Plans are to reconstruct the cemetery faithful to the original configuration on a 70 foot by 70 foot plot made available for the reburials. The state park is also providing labor to build the coffin boxes, head markers and fence that will enclose the area.

The bulk of the work is being done by park carpenter Pat Heun. Heun built 32 coffin boxes that will house the remains and has started work on the head markers and fencing.

"I guess you'd say I'm something of

an illusionist," explains Heun. "My job is to make the final product as close to the original as possible, but using modern equipment and tools."

Heun, who has been the park's carpenter for the past 5½ years, said that if he were to use hand tools, rather than power equipment, it would take him 10 times longer to build something. He's trying to ensure a historic appearance for his current projects by hiding the modern carpentry techniques.

A bit of historical accuracy will also be sacrificed in the name of economy. For example, the pioneers used

pinion or lodge pole pine from their saw mills in Little Cottonwood Canyon for most of their woodwork, Heun said. They used those woods because they were readily available. He'll use cedar because it lasts longer.

"Materials are expensive — just ask anyone who's built anything recently," Heun said. "We're building these things with the attitude that they'll last 50 years or longer. That's what the taxpayers and donors expect. We want to build something that's lasting and maintenance free."

Heun said part of his job is knowing Please see CEMETERY on B2

PROVO — Brigham Young University archaeologists Friday were transferring the remains of 33 pioneers and a prehistoric Fremont Indian, excavated last summer from a downtown Salt Lake construction site, from their museum curation boxes to wooden caskets.

Asa Nielson, director of BYU's Office of Public Archaeology, said the caskets will be sent to Salt Lake City for burial in vaults in a specially prepared section of the Pioneer Trail State Park at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

The remains were recently returned to Utah after a six-month stay at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where forensic anthropologist Dr. George Gill examined and recorded their physical characteristics.

By correlating Gill's analysis with research by BYU archaeologist Don Southworth and local genealogist Robert Foss Hansen, it is hoped a number of the remains can be identified.



# Big year for college-bound seniors

By Marianne Funk  
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A larger percentage of high school graduates will be seeking more education next fall than ever before, according to a recent study by the Utah State Office of Education.

So if you are staking the perfect gift for that high school graduate, this is the year to go with school supplies, college clothes or the always-appreciated tuition check.

The actual number of students planning to go to college is decreasing, along with the number of those

graduating from high school, but a higher percentage of those graduating plan to seek higher education.

Just over 80 percent of Utah's high school seniors say they will seek more education, compared with 70.06 percent five years ago and 64.25 percent 10 years ago.

Every year, the state office asks high school seniors what their plans are for the next fall, compiles the answers and publishes them in a report.

Every year, the percentage of students who say they want more education has crept higher.

The University of Utah is still the school of choice in the state, although officials have capped the schools' enrollment and are encouraging students to attend two-year colleges before coming to the U.

The report shows that 33 percent of those who want to attend a four-year school would like to attend the U. The Board of Regents is also trying to funnel new students into the community colleges, easing the growth at the research universities.

Thousands of high school graduates

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USU and Weber would like more students. The U. is still in the market for the sparkling minds that are ready for rigorous college courses, but U. officials urge the rest of the 1987 graduating class go to community colleges first.

Officials in the Utah System of Higher Education agree. The State Board of Regents is also trying to funnel new students into the community colleges, easing the growth at the research universities.

gree felonies. Conviction under Utah law carries a penalty of five years to life in the state prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

None of the defendants has been arrested. All three have agreed to appear in 10th Circuit Court at 9 a.m. Tuesday for arraignment.

The complaint says the three "devised a scheme or artifice to defraud another or to obtain from another money, property or anything by means of false or fraudulent pretenses."

Most of the alleged incidents occurred in late 1985. They involve property north of Richfield in which for-

false prophets who promise economic and political creeds which will solve all men's problems: the communists, socialists, national socialists, fanatics, reconstructionists who promise a better world and then imprison men and women in evil and repressive socialism which is a living hell.

"I would also oppose the secular humanism which often seems to be value-free and neutral and whose attractiveness is that it is fashionable," he added. "There must be a clear difference between good and evil. As Winston Churchill said, we cannot be neutral between the fireman and the fire."

In his remarks, President Holland said, "Today I want to take pride in your accomplishments and face the future with a smile. If somewhere along the way you yourselves have made a mistake or fallen short, then use this day to repent and clear the slate, today you've learned important

April 1986 commencement. The 1,340 students awarded BYU degrees in December were invited to participate Friday.

The university conferred 162 doctoral degrees, including 136 juris doctor degrees to members of the 12th J. Reuben Clark Law School class. In addition, 451 master's degrees, 2,185 bachelor's degrees and 36 associate degrees were conferred during Friday's services. Diplomas were to be given in the 10 college and professional school convocations Friday afternoon and evening.

In her prepared text, valedictorian Carr likened graduates to pilots earning their wings. "We have to earn our wings every day," she said. "Or, more to the point, we have to earn our reputations every day, whether we will be serving in our homes, the church or the business world. . . . Since our actions affect the reputations of others, it is our obligation to strive to earn our reputations every day."

Several related activities Thursday served as a prelude to Friday's commencement, including 50-plus "College

## High school graduates' plans

| Year              | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total graduates   | 19,433 | 15,337 | 15,821 | 15,453 | 16,382 |
| 4-year colleges   | 45.51  | 50.38  | 48.13  | 47.62  | 45.94  |
| 2-year colleges   | 1.77   | 3.21   | 3.29   | 2.98   | 3.44   |
| Business colleges | 69.89  | 76.84  | 78.00  | 79.28  | 80.36  |
| Work or military  | 21.87  | 17.15  | 16.50  | 15.92  | 14.97  |
| Marriage or other | 8.24   | 6.01   | 5.50   | 4.80   | 4.66   |
| Total             | 30.11  | 23.16  | 22.00  | 20.72  | 19.64  |

The following numbers indicate, by percentage, the students' post-high school plans.

## Cold front expected, but not much moisture

A cold front predicted for this weekend could be a lot like last weekend's, bringing cold temperatures but little moisture.

Saturday will bring a mixed bag of weather. It will be windy in the morning, with highs in the mid-70s, but temperatures will drop about 20 degrees when the front comes through, to the mid-50s. Chance of rain is 20 percent.

—On Lake Powell, Wahweap, Hall's Crossing and Bullfrog will hold Easter egg hunts for children and Easter bonnet parades for children and adults.





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**A cast of a woman's skull was used to re-create her likeness.**

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pioneer carpentry well enough that he can recognize where their techniques aren't effective and thus improve on them.

Barker said Larkin Mortuary donated six vaults that will house the 32 coffins. Vaults will be used in the event the remains ever need to be re-examined in the future.

Because of a lack of funds, Barker

said, the vaults will be placed together toward the front of the cemetery. The 32 mock graves will then be placed throughout the plot, following the original layout — facing the east according to the Christian tradition.

Salt Lake City Cemetery Sexton Ben Russo said the city will assist in placing the vaults in the ground. Descendants of the Nancy O'Neil Rich and Caroline Grant families are providing a large boulder and plaque for the cemetery, along with the raw materials for the head markers and fence.